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REMARKS

Claims 1-11 are pending in the application. Claims 10 and 11 are withdrawn and Claims 1-9 are rejected. Claims 1, 2 and 6 have been amended and Claims 5, 10 and 11 have been canceled, in view of the restriction requirement.

Claims 1-9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. In particular the phrase "carboxylic acid" in claim 1, the phrase "J is an optionally substituted carbon moiety" in claim 2, and the phrase "including" in claim 5 were stated to be indefinite. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

In view of the amendments to Claims 1 and 2 and the cancellation of Claim 5 made in response to the restriction requirement, this rejection is believed to be moot. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1-9 meet the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

In view of the foregoing, allowance of the above-referenced application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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